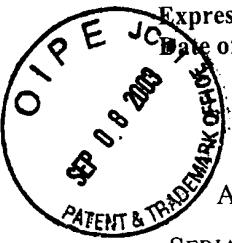


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FILING DATE : April 24, 2001 ART UNIT : 1644
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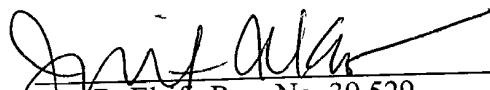
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Action (Paper No. 19) mailed March 25, 2003 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 25, 2003. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-510 CON. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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